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SB 1197 An Act Concerning Workforce Development

To the Committee on Education

March 15, 2023

Co-Chairs McCrory and Currey and Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty,

I am pleased to submit testimony in support of SB 1197 An Act Concerning Workforce Development. Goodwin University has a remarkable legacy for creating educational opportunities-a solid track record of over 20 years. Our goal has always been to ensure that our learning community empowers hard working students to become sought after employees.

An example of that goal is Goodwin's ECAMP Program-Early College Advanced Manufacturing Pathway, which immerses greater Hartford high school students into the world of manufacturing technology. These ECAMP students receive their manufacturing training from experienced professionals as well as participating in a rigorous collegiate academic program. These students can earn up to 37 transferable college credits which can be transferred to a college degree program including our own bachelor's degree in manufacturing management. Or, these high school students can enter the working world-earning up to \$25 per hour for an entry-level position in manufacturing.

SB 1197 recognizes the significance of the development of partnerships which are so important to our economy today. I thank you for consideration of our support for this bill and the impact it will have on our students and businesses. And, I would invite any of you to visit our manufacturing center to see these students in action today.

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